

Letters in Support of Karl Johnstone

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From: Lynn Whitmore
To: House Resources
Subject: Fish Appointees
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 9:25:56 AM

Legislators,

I would like to urge you to support retired Judge Johnstone for a position on the Board of Fisheries. The State of Alaska could use a little more balance on that board in order to look out after the resources first and the various interests after. That seems to have gone to the wayside for many years now.

Lynn Whitmore

From: Steve McClure
To: House Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 2:59:35 PM

My name is Steve McClure. I reside at [REDACTED] in Sterling Alaska. My wife Rondi and I have owned and operated a fishing guide service for the past 25 seasons on the Kenai Peninsula.

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All of these possible trips I have mentioned have their own set of Alaska fishing regulations and some have Federal guidelines that we must follow as well. It can be complex and challenging to truly understand any of these fisheries let alone all of them especially to someone that is unfamiliar with them.

Having attended every Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting held since 1999 I can honestly say in my opinion Karl Johnstone was one of the most informed, straightforward, well prepared, and knowledgeable board members that I have witnessed.

Mr Johnstone and I didn't agree on each and every proposal that came before him and that is how it should be. I knew that I could speak my thoughts, he would consider them, as well as all other information that he had before him then he would come to his own conclusion on which way to vote on any particular issue. That's all anyone can ask of a Board of Fisheries Member especially in the highly charged political atmosphere regarding fish management in all areas across the State of Alaska.

I support Karl Johnstone for the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter,
Steve McClure

Sent from my iPad

From: [ronald_gillham](#)
To: [House Resources](#)
Subject: Karl Johnstone Confirmation
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 5:05:40 PM

Good day Representatives,

I want to put into the record my support for Karl Johnstone to the state fisheries board.

Thank you,
Ronald Gillham

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From: Paul Delys
To: Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Geran Tarr
Subject: BOF Nominations, April 15 appointee meeting
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 12:00:56 PM

Hi,

I've resided in Alaska since moving to Kodiak as a child in 1975 and have resided in the state ever since. I fished salmon commercially for six years and spent four additional years skippering a boat in support of commercial salmon fishing. I have lived full time in Fairbanks since 1985 and have been a personal use dipnetter on the Copper and Kenai Rivers since the late 1980s.

Please enter into the record for tonight's April 15 Board of Fish appointee hearing my support for the confirmation of Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton and Merit Carlson Van-Dort to that body. It is important that the Board of Fish represent all the citizens of Alaska and allocate our fisheries resources accordingly. Nobody lives here for the privilege of buying Alaskan (or, heaven forbid, farmed) salmon at Safeway and Fred Meyer. It is my belief Mr Johnstone, Payton and Van-Dort will work to fairly distribute and conserve our fisheries resources.

Thank you,

Paul Delys

From: Tom Brady
To: Rep. John Lincoln
Subject: Public Opinion Message
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 9:44:15 PM

Honorable Lincoln,

I ask that you provide full legislature support to Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton and Merit Carlson Van-Dort for seats on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. They will assure a fair and balance board that will work for one of Alaska's most abundant treasures our fisheries of which all Alaskan are a beneficiary of.

Thank you

Tom Brady



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April 11, 2019

Representative John Lincoln
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Lincoln:

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your strong support for the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fish (BOF). We are all very fortunate that Karl will take time from his life to serve us again on that body.

Besides being a 17-year retired Superior Court Judge, he has a record of being a very successful attorney who helped many people when they needed him. I was one of those folks over 40 years ago. I came to know him then and more so through the years. Since his semi-retirement, he and his wife, Val, travel our state each year fishing our streams and lakes, usually in their own aircraft.

In addition to an impressive law career, he holds an Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic license, single and multi-engine pilot ratings for both land and sea, rotorcraft pilot rating and an instructor rating. His wife Val also has a private pilot license for both land and sea. In addition to those activities, he has owned and worked a set net permit in Bristol Bay. Karl is a bright and highly qualified individual.

A number of us asked him for many years to serve on the BOF; we told him "you owe us". He finally agreed and was appointed to the Board in 2008 where he served until 2015 as both a member and as chairman. The BOF has not had a finer chairman since its inception after Statehood. He manages meetings with the same wisdom earned from being a judge. We are all very fortunate that Karl will come back. There is no more qualified person in our state to serve on that body; he truly knows the issues.

We ask you to vote for his confirmation and ask for your support with your fellow Legislators.

Our family sincerely thanks you for working for us all in Juneau; we will not forget your effort.

Our very best,



Robert C. Penney

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April 10, 2019

The Honorable John Lincoln
State House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Lincoln:

I am writing you to express my strong support for the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I am a lifelong Alaskan who is concerned about our dwindling fisheries resource. Growing up in Alaska during territorial years, I and my family enjoyed unlimited recreational fishing throughout the entire state. After graduation from the University of Alaska two years after statehood, I worked my way through law school on drift boats in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon fisheries in Ugashik, Egegik and Naknek.

I have no dog in the fight between the commercial and recreational fishery interests. I have participated in both. What I do have, however, is a strong interest in preserving our fishery resources for our children, grandchildren and future generations of Alaskans. In the face of dwindling fisheries, Alaska desperately needs members on the Board of Fisheries who will make the difficult allocation decisions without regard to the overwhelming pressure from single user groups.

Karl Johnstone has demonstrated during his previous Board of Fisheries tenure that he is not only the hardest working member but that he can make these difficult decisions. Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution requires these decisions be based on the principle of sustained yield and on the principle that allocations must be for the benefit of all Alaskans and not one special user group. If we are to preserve Alaska's most valuable natural resource for future generations, we must have members on the Board of Fisheries who will stand firm in favor of the resource and not give in to the excessive demands of any one user group. To confirm Karl Johnstone's nomination to the Board of Fisheries at your joint session next week is the best decision you can make to insure the survival of our fisheries for future generations of Alaskans. I strongly urge you to support this nomination.

Very truly yours,

Raymond A. Nesbitt

Matt Gruening

From: Steve McClure <SteveMcClure@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 3:00 PM
To: House Fisheries
Subject: Board of Fisheries confirmation

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